# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# HOME AFFAIRS
# LOK SABHA

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Stray Dog and Monkey Menace
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**Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:**

(a) whether it is a fact that more than 3,500 cases of dog and monkey bites have been reported in Delhi/New Delhi in the recent past;

(b) if so, the number of such cases reported during each of the last three years and the current year;

(c) whether the Municipal Corporation of Delhi (MCD) and the New Delhi Municipal Council (NDMC) have taken any action in the matter and if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether municipal authorities have any proposal for free vaccination in case of bites by dogs and monkeys and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(e) the other measures taken by the Government to check the menace caused by monkeys and stray dogs in the country?

## Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS
(SHRI HARIBHAI PARATHIBHAI CHAUDHARY)

(a) & (b): The details of cases of dog and monkey bites reported in all the three Delhi Municipal Corporations (DMCs), New Delhi Municipal Council
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(NDMC) and Delhi Cantonment Board from 1.1.2014 till date are as under:-
Year Dog bites Monkey bites

North Delhi Municipal Corporation
2013 16343 578
2014 45022 627
2015 39602 582
2016 (till date) 11314 168

South Delhi Municipal Corporation

2013 3512 315
2014 4751 429
2015 1816 766
2016 (till date) 413 37

East Delhi Municipal Corporation DMC
2013 15540 322
2014 19844 433
2015 26584 575
2016 (till date) 4783 59

New Delhi Municipal Council (NDMC)
2013 104 03
2014 164 07
2015 215 04
2016 (till date) 106 03

Delhi Cantonment Board
2013-2014 596 05
2014-2015 271 03
2015-2016 458 04
2016(till date) 16 01

(c): The Directorate of Local Bodies, Government of NCT of Delhi has informed that stray dogs are being sterilized and immunized against rabies by MCDs in association with Non Governmental Organizations (NGOs). Besides this mass anti-rabies vaccination camps are also organized to mobilize public participation in controlling the dreaded rabies infection.

Monkey catchers are hired to trap the monkeys in areas under the jurisdiction of MCDs. A total of 297, 42 & 69 monkeys were caught and relocated from 1.4.2015 to 31.3.2016 to Asola Bhati Mines under the jurisdiction of North, South and East DMC respectively.

Since 2015, New Delhi Municipal Council has started catching of monkeys and rehabilitating them to Asola Wild Life Sanctuary. Total 188 monkeys have been shifted to Asola Wild Life Sanctuary till date by New Delhi Municipal Council.

(d): Yes, Madam. Free Anti-Rabies Vaccine and Anti-Rabies Serum is available to the patients coming for treatment of Dog/Monkey bites to Clinics/Dispensaries/Medical Centres of concerned local bodies.

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(e): All the three Delhi Municipal Corporations and New Delhi Municipal Council are making efforts to curb the population of stray dogs consistent with the policy of Animal Birth Control (Dogs) Rules, 2001, notified by Central Government on 24.12.2001.

The primary responsibility to check the menace of stray dogs and monkeys lies with the concerned local bodies/municipal corporations in the States. No central data is maintained on this aspect in this Ministry.

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